

Gas Attack Launched Against U. S. Lines

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ENEMY MUNITION DUMP DESTROYED

Direct Hits Are Made on First and Third Enemy Trenches.

With the American Army in France, Friday, March 22—(By the Associated Press)—The Germans launched a heavy gas attack against a certain town in our lines northwest of Toul last night. No wind was blowing and the fumes of mustard gas from the shells hung low over the lines for several hours. The batteries firing the shells were located to the right of Richecourt and our artillery was busy all morning with a retaliatory shelling.

The town shelled in the gas attack contained a certain number of Americans. Our artillery today dropped a number of large shells into the wood and after firing a few minutes obtained direct hits in the enemy's first and third line trenches.

The Germans again have been given an example of the accuracy of the fire of our 87 millimeter guns. An enemy machine gun emplacement which has been annoying the Americans for the last two days was located and then the battery of "little fellows," as they are known along the front, got into action, firing rapidly. They put the emplacement gun crews out of commission.

These small guns, which are about the size of a one pounder, are easily moved from place to place even in the trenches. They also obtained direct hits on the junction of communication trenches as men were passing and into the entrance of the dugouts which a number of the enemy were seen to enter and from which smoke was issuing. None of the enemy was seen to come out. Intermittent artillery combats had been in progress all day, both on our Toul front and in the Lunenburg sector, where American troops are in training.

Three of our patrols reached the enemy's line early today, but in the brilliant moonlight they were discovered and were driven out by a machine gun and automatic rifle fire.

Our infantry discovered one enemy patrol inside our wire. These Germans were driven out and it is believed that they suffered casualties. There was increased aerial activity today. The weather was warm and it was generally clear except for a haze that obscured visibility above the low ground. One machine with an American observer at its gun emptied a stream of bullets into a German aeroplane, which was observed descending rapidly, as if in trouble, behind our lines.

WARNS AGAINST BOLSHEVIKI IN UNITED STATES

Berkeley, Cal., March 23—Sounding a warning against what he termed the "American Bolsheviki" and advocating changes in the naturalization laws, President Harry B. Hutchins of the University of Michigan, made the charter day address today at the semi-centennial celebration at the University of California.

President Hutchins took for his subject "The World War and Some of Its By-Products," in which he recounted the reasons for the participation of the United States in the great tragedy and presented his conclusions as to the problems which would confront the nation after the declaration of peace.

"That large numbers of aliens and others are collecting wages even in American munition plants who are hostile to our institutions either through ignorance or evil leadership and who for the safety of the country should be interned, is doubtless true," he said. "From such as these the American Bolsheviki are recruited, but not from these alone, for unfortunately in the ranks of the agitators are many who in name, at least, are American citizens."

NEARING RELEASED ON \$5,000 BONDS

New York, March 23—Plea of not guilty to charges of violating the espionage law in the publication and distribution of a pamphlet entitled "The Great Madness," were entered in the Federal court here today by Scott Nearing. In his own behalf and by the American Socialist society through Morris Hillquit, counsel. Nearing was arraigned in custody of his counsel pending the furnishing of cash bail of \$5,000.

AMERICANS ARE STYLED BRIGANDS

KNIGHTS OF LIBERTY MOB IS NEW NAME FOR I.W.W.

Chicago, March 23—Federal agents are watching the activities of a new organization of the Industrial Workers of the World, called the Knights of Liberty Mob, it became known today.

These activities, they assert, have of more than \$24,000 and disburse to do with sabotage and raising of more than \$31,000, with a fense money for the members of the surplus of \$19,000 in the treasury. I. W. W. who are soon to come to, According to the word sent out to trial here on charges of violating the membership, it is declared, new espionage law. The government pamphlets and song books are being agents say secret communications sent prepared for publication.

DESERTER WEARIED BY TRAVELS GIVES SELF UP

Officials at the United States Army recruiting depot on Fairfield avenue were surprised today when a foreign looking and very weary man walked in and took a seat in the office.

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Thinking he was a German, the officers hunted up a porter in the building and told him to find out what he wanted. A puzzled expression came over the man's face and he finally blurted out that his name was Antonio Ojeda, of the machine gun company, Ninth United States Infantry, which regiment he deserted at Laredo, Texas, July 15, 1917.

ACCUSED MAN IS BOUND OVER ON MURDER CHARGE

Saturday, March 23
As an aftermath of the shooting which took place February 2, at 193 Knowlton street, when several men got into a fight over \$3, and Moses Owens died from his wounds, Charles Johnson, his assailant, was today charged with murder before the City Court. Judge Wilder, ordered Johnson, Ninety United States Infantry, to be bound over for the May term of the Superior Court.

Thomas Jones, who was also mixed up in the fight, was bound over for the May term of the Superior court in bonds of \$500 while the charge of assault against Jeff Owens, brother of the murdered man was nolleed by Judge Wilder.

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RIDGEFIELD MAN BUYS A LAW SUIT

Edward Gresser of Ridgefield bought into a law suit when he purchased an account due the bankrupt estate of Augusto Bertotti of that place, and has filed a suit in the Common Pleas Court against Travaglia Nazzeno, or Lucetti, who was indebted to Bertotti, to recover the amount due.

U. S. RECALLS FRENCH "75S"

New Haven, March 23—The government has recalled for its own use the battery of French 75s which the Yale artillery corps has been using for instruction purposes, and British guns of the same calibre with carriages and fire control equipment will be sent as a substitute. Instructions will not be interrupted and probably the French guns will be returned soon.

FOURTH MEMBER OF GAUGE FIRM ARRESTED TODAY

Philadelphia, March 23—Frederick Schubert, vice president and general manager of the United States Gauge Co., was arrested by federal agents in Sellersville, Pa., today in connection with the alleged conspiracy to defraud the government by furnishing defective high pressure gauges for water torpedoes. This makes the fourth executive of the company taken into custody. Schubert, who is sick, agreed through his counsel to furnish \$5,000 bail.

R. M. Sackett, special agent of the military intelligence bureau, went to Sellersville today to continue his investigation at the Gauge Co. plant.

MILK PRODUCERS SHOULD REGISTER BEFORE APRIL 1

Producers and distributors of milk throughout the state are showing a willingness to meet the provisions of the law requiring registration of all producers and distributors of dairy products in the state, and the Dairy and Food Commissioner has already received a large number of registrations.

"Because of the fact that the rules and regulations under this law prohibit the sale of dairy products except by registered producers and distributors, it is the desire of this department that all persons affected by the law should be registered before April 1," says Commissioner Thomas Holt.

ZUPPELI NAMED COMMANDER OF ITALIAN FORCES

Rome, March 23—Gen. Alfieri has retired as minister of war to take a command at the front. He has been succeeded by Gen. Zuppelli. King Victor Emmanuel accepted Gen. Alfieri's resignation owing to his insistence that he be allowed to go to the front.

2,605 SACKS OF MAIL WERE LOST ABOARD ANDANIA

By the sinking of the steamship "Andania" on January 30, 1918, addresses from the British Postal Administration show there were lost 2,605 sacks of mail, of which 331 were of the United States, the contents of which originated in England, France, Gibraltar, Ceylon, Straits Settlements, Italy, Switzerland and the Netherlands (Amsterdam), the balance being mostly of British origin for countries beyond the United States, including Canada, Australia and New Zealand. In addition there were 23 sacks of mails from United States war vessels and 15 sacks from the United States Army Postal Service in France.

OFFICIAL WORD TO TAKE SHIPS

London, March 23—Instructions for the taking over of Dutch ships were sent officially yesterday to all ports of the United Kingdom. Between 20 and 25 ships, aggregating 300,000 tons, are in United Kingdom ports.

HAGUE MAY RECALL DUTCH MINISTER

Amsterdam, March 23—A dispatch from The Hague to the Handelsblad says one of the most prominent members of parliament intends to ask the government whether it is not time to recall the Dutch minister in Washington, and hand passports to the American minister at The Hague.

HUN GUNS SHELL PARIS, BLOODIEST BATTLE OF THE WAR NOW RAGING

ENEMY AT ONE POINT ALONG FRONT SUCCEEDS IN PLUNGING THROUGH BRITISH LINE FOR FOUR MILE DISTANCE---ENGLAND FIGHTS NOW BACK OF OLD LINES

GUNS KILL 10 IN PARIS

Paris, March 23—The Germans are bombarding Paris with long range guns.

Since 8 o'clock this morning shells of 240 millimetres have been reaching the capital and suburbs at intervals of a quarter of an hour, killing about 10 persons and wounding about 15.

The shortest distance from Paris to the front is more than 100 kilometres (62 miles.)

The announcement that Paris was being bombarded was made officially this afternoon.

Measures of counter attacking the enemy's cannon are under execution.

An air raid alarm has just been given.

BERLIN OFFICIAL REPORT

Berlin, March 23—Between Fontaine les Croiselles and Moeuvres German forces penetrated into the second enemy positions and captured two villages, army headquarters announced today. British counter attacks failed.

So far the statement announces, 25,000 prisoners, 400 guns and 300 machine guns have been taken.

British Army Headquarters in France, Friday morning, March 22—(By the Associated Press)—After two days of terrific battling in their great offensive on the western front, the Germans finally have succeeded in bringing the action at one point on the front somewhat more into the open. Field Marshal Haig reports that the British defensive system west of St. Quentin, near the southern edge of the 50 mile front under attack, was broken through by the great weight of the enemy infantry and artillery.

The British here are falling back in good order. That the yielding of the line at this point had been by no means unexpected and possibly had been foreseen as ultimately inevitable is indicated by the statement that the retirement is to prepared positions farther west, across the devastated district.

The Germans forced their way into Mory, but a dashing counter attack drove them out. A large party was surrounded and captured.

There is reason to believe that 50 German divisions are flowing into the struggle, and probably half as many more are in close reserve. Under the tremendous onslaught the British troops are falling back slowly and in excellent order. At many points they are withdrawing voluntarily so as to maintain an unbroken front.

JEWIS REJOICING OVER EVIDENCE OF RESTORATION

London, March 23—Announcement by the government that the Jewish regiment being recruited by the British army will fight in Palestine is regarded as a valuable evidence of the determination of the government to restore the Jews to Palestine. News of the recruiting for the regiment in the United States has caused much pleasure among the Jews in England.

WAR SAVING FUND NOW TOTALS SUM OF \$100,000,000

The War Savings fund today has a round \$100,000,000 to its credit on the books of the Treasury. The stream of small savings is now pouring into Uncle Sam's war chest at the rate of \$700,000,000 a year, with every indication that the anticipated rate of \$1,680,000,000 will be attained soon after the Liberty Loan drive.

JEWISH MAID WHO WOULD BATTLE IN PALESTINE TAKEN

Boston, March 23—Helen Blay, 17 years old, who sought to accompany a contingent of New York recruits for the Jewish battalion of the British army, was taken to her home in Brookline today by a matron from a Jewish aid society here.

PENDLETON'S PECULIAR END

New London, March 23—Capt. Frank L. Pendleton of the Thames Towboat Co.'s barge Pequot, lost his life in a peculiar manner last night. He fell from the Connecticut Power Co.'s wharf between a stringer and a spile, his body going into the water only up to the waist. His throat was caught in such a way that he strangled and his body was found at 7 o'clock this morning. Pendleton's home was in Biddeford, Me., and his widow is now on her way here to make him a visit. He was 44 years old.

HOLD TWO DUTCH SHIPS AT MANILA

Manila, March 23—Under instructions from the American war shipping board the collector of customs here has refused clearance to the Dutch steamers Tjimonari, bound for San Francisco, and the Tjimonang, bound for Java.